

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of December 2, 2016
Superfund Division

Highlight of Past Week

Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Press

Event: On November 30, we joined with Cal EPA's Department of Toxic Substances Control at Leann's Nails in Alameda to announce the award of the Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement to Asian Health Services of Oakland and its project partners. Asian Health Services is receiving \$120,000 for two years to address reducing chemical workplace exposures impacting local nail salon workers who are disproportionately exposed to carcinogenic and reproductively harmful chemicals. The project will establish cross-sector partnerships with organizations and county departments to conduct training tailored to nail salon workers/owners about key healthy nail salon concepts, related to chemical exposure reduction and proper hazardous waste disposal methods, and about the Healthy Nail Salon low-income loan program to allow the Nail Salon to improve their operating environment and become a healthy nail salon. Confirmed press attendance includes Associated Press, The China Press, East Bay Times and Kaiser Health News, with several other press organization planning to write about the event. This grant will be managed by Personal Privacy 6 (Contact: Kim Hoang, x2-3147)



Cameron Radioactive Structures: Remedial Project Managers Amanda Pease and Sona

Chilingaryan traveled to Cameron on the Navajo Nation and met with residents on next steps for two contaminated structures in the area. We determined that both structures required demolition due to levels of gamma radiation, and in both cases the residents have expressed a preference for compensation for the structures rather than EPA rebuilds. During the same trip, Amanda and

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(Contact: Amanda Pease, x2-3068)

Del Amo/Montrose - Vapor Intrusion Outreach (Los Angeles County, CA): Yolanda Sanchez traveled to Los Angeles the week of November 21 to solicit the participation of select households for the ongoing vapor intrusion investigation. During the summer 2016 soil-gas investigation, EPA found higher levels of PCE in soil gas in the industrial facilities south of the JCI Jones Chemical Inc. property. EPA conducted outreach and attempted to conduct indoor air sampling to ensure the nearby residents are not currently being affected. (Contact: Yolanda Sanchez, x2-3880 and Yarissa Martinez, x4-1806)

University Outreach about Navajo Nation Cleanup Sites (Navajo Technical University and University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM): EPA, the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency, and Dine College conducted outreach to university students at Navajo Technical University on November 15 and University of New Mexico on November 17. The objective was to provide the historical background of uranium contamination and the cleanup process. The aim is to further inform and engage students of uranium contamination issues and provide details to interested students of necessary steps for a career path with this work. (Contact: Elena Neibaur, x2-3275)

San Gabriel Valley Area 1, South El Monte Operable Unit: (El Monte and South El Monte, CA):

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(Contact: Rebecca Connell, x7-4278 or Viola Cooper, x2-3242)

Triple Site Offsite OU (Sunnyvale, CA): Last week, EPA conducted an indoor air sampling event at another school -

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This sampling event was conducted to confirm that the recently installed sub-membrane depressurization mitigation system is working properly to reduce the elevated TCE levels measured in vapors in the crawlspace underneath the building. Our total number of school mitigation systems is now at five (with five remaining - **Enforcement (b) (7) (C)**) and our total number of residential mitigation systems is now at nine (with two remaining) - 21 total. We have also worked with staff at the City of Sunnyvale to prepare a brief update for the City Councillors, based on our recent community fact sheet. The update summarizes the results of the investigation so far and discusses EPA's plans for additional outreach and sampling in homes and school buildings in 2017. (Contact: Melanie Morash, x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz, x2-3242)

San Fernando Valley Area 2 (Los Angeles, CA): In response to elevated soil gas levels and evidence of vapor intrusion detected in parcels overlying shallow groundwater at the Glendale Operable Unit in Los Angeles, we're expanding the vapor intrusion investigation to collect crawl space and indoor air samples at approximately 30 new single family residences and up to 30 units in an apartment complex. We performed door-to-door outreach to these residences and began coordinating with the property manager for access to the apartment complex on November 22 and 23. EPA will oversee the sampling of these locations, re-sampling of previously sampled properties in Glendale and Los Angeles, and the collection of additional groundwater and soil gas samples at new locations starting in January 2017. (Contact: Rebecca Connell, x7-4278)

Sharpe Army Depot Temporary Housing for Unaccompanied Minors: EPA was asked to help expedite a request from Health and Human Services regarding the use of Sharpe Army Depot for temporary housing for unaccompanied minors. After much discussion with both the Army and HHS, it was determined that the Sharpe Depot was not an appropriate location. HHS and the Army are discussing alternative locations for the temporary housing facility at other DOD property. (Contact: Angeles Herrera, x2-3187)

Significant Items for Next Week

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Edwards AFB: Air Force managers will host an informational tour of Edwards AFB on December 7. Four officials from EPA HQ Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Office will join Region 9 and State managers for a better understanding of the range of conditions and challenges at this very large base in the Mojave Desert. A total of 34 attendees include the Director and Deputy Director of FFRRO, Region 9's Superfund Division Director and Assistant Director, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board's Executive Officer and Assistant Executive Officer, DTSC's Brownfields and Environmental Restoration Division Chief, plus senior Air Force Officials Otis Hicks and Ian Smith. (Contact: Kevin Mayer, x2-3176)

Moffett Field: The Hangar One Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser Doing Work Agreement (BFPP Agreement) with Planetary Ventures, LLC (Google) was signed by the Department of Justice (DOJ) on November 21. Deliberative Process (b) (5)

Through the BFPP Agreement, EPA will oversee Google's retrofit of the Hangar, including replacement of exterior panels and likely removal of remaining lead-based paint and PCBs from the steel beams that the Navy encapsulated through a prior CERCLA removal action. Google leases the structure from NASA, the current owner. (Contact: Judy C.

Huang, x2-3681)

Fort Ord: On December 7, EPA (John Chesnutt and Maeve Clancy) will attend a meeting hosted by the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) to discuss FORA's progress and the timeline for completion of their environmental services cooperative agreement with the Army. FORA's work on privatized parts of Fort Ord is paid through the insurance company AIG's cost-cap insurance policy which expires in early 2019. [REDACTED] Enforcement (b) (7) (C)

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[REDACTED]. Other meeting attendees include managers and staff from the Fort Ord BRAC Office, HQ BRAC Office, and DTSC. (Contact: Maeve Clancy, x7-4105)

Hunters Point Shipyard: On December 7, EPA will attend the Navy's public meeting regarding a proposal to change (through an Explanation of Significant Differences) the Parcel G ROD to allow for additional areas within the Parcel to be suitable for residential use. Since the 2009 ROD was signed, the City and its developer have changed the future land use to allow for more residential use. The original land use restrictions were applied to specific areas based on assumed future industrial/commercial land use without determining whether future residential use would be acceptable. In support of the ESD, an analysis found that current conditions in certain areas are appropriate for residential use without further cleanup. The ESD would lift certain land use restrictions to allow for this new use. (Contact: Lily Lee, x7-4187)

El Centro Residential Lead Site (El Centro, Imperial County, CA): A Removal Action will begin at the El Centro Residential Lead Site on December 5. This site consists of a single residential property, on an approximately 7,000 sq ft lot, where soil is contaminated with elevated levels of lead. The cause of the contamination is due to the property owner handling spent lead bullets in his backyard for the purpose of recycling. This action will include excavation of lead contaminated soil, transportation and disposal, then restoration. Field operations are anticipated to require one week to 10 days to complete. (Contact: Martin Powell, 562-733-0316)

BEI Hilo: [REDACTED] Enforcement (b) (7) (C)

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[REDACTED] We are also asking about RMP compliance at the BEI Maui facility, which we may also inspect in February. (Contact: Jeremy Johnstone, x2-3499)

Chevron Negotiation Meeting: [REDACTED] Enforcement (b) (7) (C)

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[REDACTED] (Contact: Cynthia Steiner, x7-4112)

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

30-60 Day Outlook

Other Information

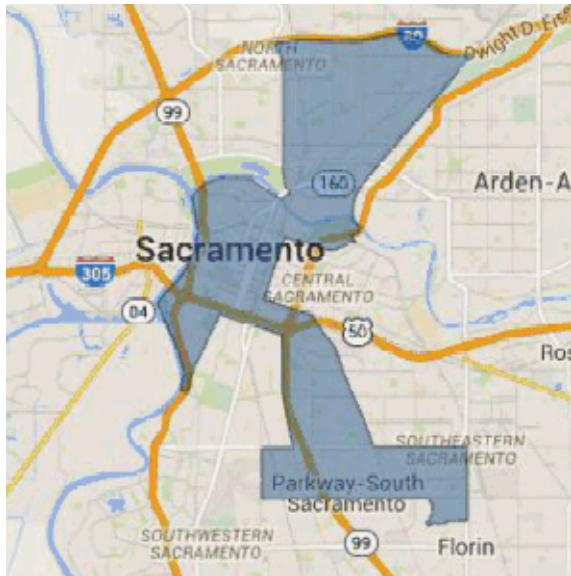
Call with Office of International and Tribal Affairs to Discuss Torres Martinez Illegal Dumping and Brownfields Concerns

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(Contact: Jose Garcia, x4-1811)

Brownfields meeting with HUD Community Liaison, Sacramento Promise Zone: Nova Blazej met with Lynnette McRae, HUD Community Liaison for the HUD-designated Sacramento Promise Zone and discussed how EPA's Brownfields program can complement the Promise Zone goals of job training, economic activity, community health, neighborhood revitalization and education. The success of EPA Brownfields projects are through leveraged funds. The City of Sacramento Economic Development, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency and Greater Sacramento Urban League - a workforce development organization - are all applying for EPA Brownfields funding this winter, which, if awarded, will be used in the Promise Zone area pictured below. The HUD Promise Zone designation has the benefit of bringing together local, state and federal entities to focus on the community's greatest issues of concern. (Contact: Nova Blazej, x2-3846)



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